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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN JULY TO 384,700

Job losses in manufacturing industries, due mostly to vacation-related plant closings and some layoffs, dominated the State's employment picture in July, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate that 384,700 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-July, the lowest monthly total since March 1978. The current figure represents a loss of 9,700 jobs from the June level and is 9,300 below the July 1981 figure.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting losses due principally to industry plant closings for vacations along with layoffs during the reporting period, overall manufacturing employment dropped by 7,900 jobs to 109,800 in July, the lowest total since July, 1975. The annual comparison shows the current level is down 9,200 from last July's total of 119,000.

Firms in the Durable Goods sector accounted for 2,600 of the monthly manufacturing decrease, with the largest losses reported in Fabricated Metals (-1,200), Electrical Machinery (-600) and Instruments (-500). Nonelectrical Machinery and Primary Metals were down 200 and 100 jobs, respectively, over the month and the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from June. Compared to a year ago, employment in this sector was down by 4,600, with the largest decline reported in Nonelectrical Machinery (-2,100) where a continuing labor dispute is a major factor. Except for Lumber/Furniture (+400) and Transportation Equipment (+100), the remaining Durable Goods producers were all below year ago levels.

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DES DIRECTOR ADVISES WORKING STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

Summertime '82 is nearing an end and as the beginning of the 1982-83 academic year approaches, DES Director Mary C. Hackett extends her thanks to the numerous Rhode Island employers who hired students for summer jobs. Each year at this time Miss Hackett makes an additional request to those employers: *please make an effort to encourage these students in your employ to return to secondary school or college next month. Completing one's education is an important step prior to seeking a permanent place in the labor market.*

Some employers may be in a position to retain the student on a part-time basis after school to enable the young person to finance his or her education. However, if this is not possible, please refer those students who must find other work to the nearest office of the R.I. Job Service. Skilled interviewers are prepared to attempt to find suitable part-time employment for them. Job Service requires only that applicants be of working age. A complete listing of local offices appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.

Thank you.

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- Manufacturing & Construction. 277-3556
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- Temporary Help 277-3559
- Employer Services 277-3573

NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
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WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center, Tower Hill Road. 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
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TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981
Total Placements	3,094	2,204	3,516
New Applications	5,356	4,817	6,454
New Openings Received	3,973	2,945	4,555

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1982	June 1982	% Change June 1982
Initial Claims	20,720	16,844	+ 23.0
No. of Payments	93,247	84,283	+ 10.6
Amt.of Payments	$9,326,929	$8,592,969	+ 8.5
Exhaustions	2,145	2,947	- 27.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	July 1982	June 1982	% Change June 1982
Initial Claims	2,338	3,239	- 27.8
No. of Payments	21,341	19,684	+ 8.4
Amount of Payments	$2,298,583	$2,124,486	+ 8.2

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981
Civilian Labor Force	478.3	479.3	477.6
Unemployment	49.9	44.7	41.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	10.4	9.3	8.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.2	9.4	7.6

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981
Civilian Labor Force	472.6	465.3	475.9
Unemployment	46.4	45.1	35.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.8	9.7	7.5
Seas. Adjusted Rate	SNA	SNA	SNA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981
Civilian Labor Force	34,260	32,905	34,335
Unemployment	1,850	1,810	1,870
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	5.5	5.4

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981
Civilian Labor Force	14,235	14,255	15,015
Unemployment	1,120	985	1,070
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.9	6.9	7.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The annual designation of Labor Surplus Areas has been announced by the U. S. Department of Labor. The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1983. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Johnston

New Shoreham

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment In Thousands			Net Change From	
	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	June 1982	July 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	384.7	394.4	394.0	- 9,700	- 9,300
MANUFACTURING	109.8	117.7	119.0	- 7,900	- 9,200
NONMANUFACTURING	274.9	276.7	275.0	- 1,800	- 100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.6	12.1	12.7	+ 500	- 100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.9	13.8**	12.9	- 900	0
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.2	80.8	81.7	- 1,600	- 2,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.3	21.3	21.2	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.0	91.2	88.8	- 200	+ 2,200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.9	57.5	57.7	+ 400	+ 200

1982 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. 1981 FIGURES ARE REVISED.

ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	June 1982	July 1981	July 1982	July 1981	July 1982	July 1981	July 1982	July 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	109.8	117.7	119.0	-7900	-9200	252.45	237.68	37.4	38.9	6.75	6.11
DURABLE GOODS	49.1	51.7	53.7	-2600	-4600	285.72	265.99	38.3	39.7	7.46	6.70
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.6	2.2*	0	+ 400	243.79	218.39	32.9	34.5	7.41	6.33
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.6	0	- 400	242.40	286.53	30.0	40.3	8.08	7.11
PRIMARY METALS	6.9	7.0	7.2*	- 100	- 300	304.51	303.74	41.6	44.8	7.32	6.78
FABRICATED METALS	8.2	9.4	9.0	-1200	- 800	248.35	221.36	37.8	38.1	6.57	5.81
NONELEC. MACHINERY	6.8*	7.0*	8.9	- 200	-2100	337.43	317.05	39.1	40.7	8.63	7.79
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.8	10.7	- 600	- 500	234.24	229.30	36.6	37.9	6.40	6.05
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+100	344.06	278.21	40.1	37.8	8.58	7.36
INSTRUMENTS	4.2	4.7	5.2	- 500	-1000	273.64	262.70	40.3	41.5	6.79	6.33
NONDURABLE GOODS	60.7	66.0	65.3	-5300	-4600	226.81	215.45	36.7	38.2	6.18	5.64
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	3.1	3.1	- 300	- 300	291.51	252.98	41.0	38.1	7.11	6.64
TEXTILES	10.1	10.9	11.3*	- 800	-1200	234.36	216.01	39.1	40.3	5.79	5.36
APPAREL	3.3	3.3	3.7	0	- 400	205.84	196.81	37.7	39.6	5.46	4.97
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.6	- 100	- 300	247.61	237.60	41.2	39.6	6.01	6.00
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.7	5.8	0	- 100	328.15	270.69	36.1	35.9	9.09	7.54
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.1	- 100	0	323.44	323.01	39.3	39.2	8.23	8.24
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.4	1.2	+ 100	+ 300	289.74	272.19	44.1	43.0	6.57	6.33
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.3	4.9	4.9	- 600	- 600	256.00	239.13	40.0	40.6	6.40	5.89
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.6	3.0	- 100	- 500	183.68	159.81	39.5	35.2	4.65	4.54
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.3	22.6	20.7	-3300	-1400	198.91	187.82	36.1	36.9	5.51	5.09
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.9	5.9	- 100	- 100	146.79	194.55	23.6	36.5	6.22	5.33

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In the Nondurable Goods sector, employment was down 5,300 for the month and 4,600 below the July, 1981 figure. Jewelry-Silverware (-3,300) accounted for, by far, the greatest monthly decline in this sector. Also posting declines over the month were Textiles (-800), Plastics Products (-600), Food-Beverage (-300) and Paper Products, Chemical Products, Leather Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-100 each). Apparel and Printing-Publishing were unchanged from June. Compared to a year ago, Jewelry-Silverware and Textiles, down 1,400 and 1,200, respectively, showed the most noticeable losses, but Plastics Products (-600), Leather Products (-500), Apparel (-400), Food-Beverage and Paper Products (-300 each), as well as Printing-Publishing and Miscellaneous Mfg. (-100 each) also declined in employment. Chemical Products remained even over the year while Rubber Products employment gained 300 jobs since last July.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall nonmanufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased 1,800 in July to a level of 274,900. Compared to a year ago, this accounts for a loss of 100 jobs.

The largest monthly nonmanufacturing losses occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade as firms in this sector reduced their work force seasonally by 1,600 jobs, to a level of 79,200, down 2,500 from the previous July. Also posting a sizeable monthly decrease was the Transportation and Public Utilities group which declined by 900 workers – for the most part school bus drivers. The July employment total of 12,900 in this category was unchanged from the July, 1981 level.

Overall employment in the Services sector decreased by 200 in the June to July period, with losses, primarily in Private Education, more than offsetting gains in such areas as Hotels/Motels, Amusement and Recreation and Health Services. The July total Services employment figure of 91,000 is up 2,200 from a year ago. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms maintained stable employment over the month, at 21,300, up 100 from July, 1981.

Contract Construction added 500 tradespeople in the General Building and Special Trades segments to reach a July total of 12,600 workers, 100 fewer than were employed one year ago. Government employment was up by 400 from June to July as the expected summer hiring in the state and local noneducational sectors exceeded declines in local educational employment. Federal payrolls increased by 200 workers over the month.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose 11 cents over the month to $6.75 an hour and was 64 cents higher than in July, 1981. Average weekly hours worked were down by 1.7 hours in the month and declined by 1.5 hours compared to a year ago. The average weekly earnings for these production workers decreased $7.17 over the month to $252.45 a week – up $14.77 from last July.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 392,600 IN AUGUST

Rhode Island employment increased by 7,900 jobs in August, due primarily to employees returning from unpaid vacations. The employment total, however, was still 1,800 jobs lower than the pre-vacation month of June, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Based on preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 392,600 workers were employed in Rhode Island in mid-August. While this represents an increase over the July figure, on an annual comparison, August employment remained 10,900 jobs below the year ago employment level of 403,500.

MANUFACTURING

Following normal seasonal patterns, after the traditional July vacation period, increases were recorded in both the Durable Goods (+2,300) and the Nondurable Goods (+5,800) manufacturing sectors. Overall manufacturing employment increased by 8,100 jobs to 117,900 in July. However, the annual comparison shows the current total is down 9,900 from last August's total of 127,800.

In the Durable Goods industries, Fabricated Metals recorded the largest gain (+1,500), followed by Instruments (+600). Both industries, compared to a year ago, were down 200 jobs and 500 jobs, respectively. Lumber/Furniture and Transportation Equipment each gained 100 jobs in the month and 300 and 200 jobs, respectively, over the year ago totals. The

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OCTOBER 3 – 9 PROCLAIMED NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

The week of October 3 – 9, 1982 will mark the thirty-eighth observance of National Employ the Handicapped Week, an effort intended to draw the nation's attention to the millions of handicapped workers contributing to the economy. Further, the week also marks the 28th anniversary of the amendment to Federal legislation which formally established the program of services to handicapped persons in the public employment service, now called the Job Service.

Announcing the 38th NETH, Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director commends the record of many Rhode Island employers who take a positive approach to hiring and retaining handicapped workers.

During Fiscal Year 1982, 2,303 handicapped individuals sought employment through the Department's network of Job Service offices; of this number nearly 30 percent-672- were placed in jobs. In the past 38 years the Job Service has accentuated the positive – that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers wishing to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their openings with the Job Bank – call 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. A listing of Job Service offices appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981
Total Placements	2,536	3,094	2,829
New Applications	4,964	5,356	4,437
New Openings Received	3,477	3,973	5,004

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	% Change July 1982
Initial Claims	11,392	20,720	- 45.0
No. of Payments	93,189	93,247	- 0.1
Amt.of Payments	$9,395,689	$9,326,929	+ 0.7
Exhaustions	1,930	2,145	- 10.0

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	% Change July 1982
Initial Claims	2,067	2,338	- 11.6
No. of Payments	21,418	21,341	+ 0.4
Amount of Payments	$2,391,832	$2,298,583	+ 4.1

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	486.1	478.3	483.8
Unemployment	46.2	49.9	37.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.5	10.4	7.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.1	9.2	7.5

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981
Civilian Labor Force	470.6	472.6	469.3
Unemployment	52.2	46.4	40.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	11.1	9.8	8.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	SNA	SNA	SNA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981
Civilian Labor Force	34,830	34,260	33,690
Unemployment	1,860	1,850	2,095
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	5.4	6.2

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981
Civilian Labor Force	15,785	14,235	15,730
Unemployment	1,090	1,120	1,230
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	7.9	7.8

PROVIDENCE DESIGNATED LABOR SURPLUS AREA

Effective August 6, 1982, the City of Providence has been added to the list of Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. This classification makes the city eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts, as are the other Rhode Island towns on the following list. The Labor Surplus classifications for these municipalities are effective through May 31, 1983.

Bristol

Johnston

New Shoreham

Providence

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981	July 1982	Aug. 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	392.6	384.7	403.5	+ 7,900	- 10,900
MANUFACTURING	117.9	109.8	127.8	+ 8,100	- 9,900
NONMANUFACTURING	274.7	274.9	275.7	- 200	- 1,000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.6	12.6	13.0	0	- 400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.1	12.9	13.0	+ 200	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.4	79.2	81.8	+ 200	- 2,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.3	21.3	21.2	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	90.5	91.0	88.7	- 500	+ 1,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.8	57.9	58.0	- 100	- 200

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*Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION--WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981	July 1982	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.9	109.8	127.8	+ 8100	- 9900	$251.17	$236.78	37.6	38.5	$6.68	$6.15
DURABLE GOODS	51.4	49.1	56.0	+ 2300	- 4600	281.23	264.32	37.8	39.1	7.44	6.76
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.6	2.4	+ 100	+ 300	256.04	232.01	34.6	35.1	7.40	6.61
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.6	0	- 400	233.42	303.62	28.5	40.7	8.19	7.46
PRIMARY METALS	6.9	6.9	7.7*	0	- 800	287.12	298.72	38.8	43.8	7.40	6.82
FABRICATED METALS	9.7	8.2	9.9	+ 1500	- 200	244.99	225.52	38.4	37.4	6.38	6.03
NON ELEC.MACHINERY	6.8*	6.8*	8.9	0	- 2100	334.15	309.78	38.9	40.6	8.59	7.63
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.2	11.3	0	- 1100	234.70	214.17	36.5	35.4	6.43	6.05
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.1	8.0	7.9	+ 100	+ 200	361.09	302.08	41.6	39.8	8.68	7.59
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.2	5.3	+ 600	- 500	255.53	249.08	37.8	39.6	6.76	6.29
NONDURABLE GOODS	66.5	60.7	71.8	+ 5800	- 5300	228.14	216.60	37.4	38.0	6.10	5.70
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	2.8	3.0	+ 400	+ 200	268.11	233.05	40.5	36.7	6.62	6.35
TEXTILES	11.2	10.1	12.2*	+ 1100	- 1000	229.68	229.08	39.6	41.5	5.80	5.52
APPAREL	3.1	3.3	3.8	- 200	- 700	201.63	206.35	38.7	40.7	5.21	5.07
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.3	2.9	+ 100	- 500	240.40	230.86	40.0	38.8	6.01	5.95
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.7	5.9	+ 100	- 100	319.11	282.33	35.3	37.1	9.04	7.61
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.2	+ 100	0	331.30	324.80	39.3	40.0	8.43	8.12
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 200	277.38	238.01	40.2	37.6	6.90	6.33
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.3	5.1	+ 400	- 400	267.15	242.80	40.6	40.0	6.58	6.07
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.5	3.1	+ 100	- 500	178.41	169.79	38.7	37.9	4.61	4.48
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.0	19.3	25.3	+ 3700	- 2300	202.61	185.33	37.8	35.3	5.36	5.25
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	6.0	0	- 200	149.21	201.79	24.5	37.3	6.09	5.41

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remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from July, but all reported losses from their comparable August, 1981 levels. The largest annual decline was recorded by Nonelectrical Machinery (-2,100), where a continuing labor dispute is a major factor, followed by Electrical Machinery (-1,100), Primary Metals (-800), and Stone-Clay-Glass (-400).

In the Nondurable Goods sector, Jewelry-Silverware (+3,700) and Textiles (+1,100) posted the largest monthly gains, followed by Food-Beverage and Plastics Products (+400 each). July to August increases of 100 jobs were reported in each of the following industries: Paper Products, Printing-Publishing, Chemical Products and Leather Products. Rubber Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing were unchanged from July, and Apparel lost 200 jobs over the month. On an annual basis, Jewelry-Silverware (-2,300) and Textiles (-1,000) recorded the greatest August to August declines. Also down from last August were Apparel (-700), Paper and Leather Products (-500 each), Plastics Products (-400) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-200). Employment in Chemical Products stood even with the August, 1981 level, while Food-Beverage and Rubber Products both gained 200 jobs over the year.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall nonmanufacturing employment in the State declined slightly in August to 274,700, down 200 from the previous month, but 1,000 below the level of one year ago.

Within the nonmanufacturing group, Contract Construction employment totalled 12,600 in August, unchanged from the prior month but down 400 compared to August, 1981. Small increases in the various transportation segments of Transportation and Public Utilities brought this industry's August employment to 13,100, up 200 from July and 100 higher than the year ago level.

Employment gains in wholesaling establishments increased overall Wholesale and Retail Trade employment by 200 workers in August to 79,400, still, however, 2,400 below the August, 1981 total. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate establishments reported no monthly change in employment, remaining at 21,300 or 100 higher than the same month last year. Overall Service employment declined 500 to 90,500 in August, mostly attributable to the layoff of student workers in private educational facilities, but the current total was still 1,800 above the year ago figure. Government employment, at 57,800 was off 100 from July and 200 below August of last year.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers fell 7 cents over the month to $6.68 an hour and was 53 cents higher than in August, 1981. Average weekly hours worked were up by 0.2 hours in the month but down by 0.9 hours compared to a year ago. The average weekly earnings for these production workers decreased $1.28 over the month to $251.17 a week – up $14.39 from last August.

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